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with the fleet owners. The small owners have also to fulfil certain conditions. They must be running their buses on the route. They must have their workshops, etc. In spite of all these, if still owners of one or two buses or new entrants are not able to get a bus permit, the Government will really think of seeing how best they can revise their rules.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : What is the number fixed for classifying one as a small operator or a big operator? If a big operator and a small operator should apply for a permit and the big operator is given a permit, will the Government come forward to examine the case and cancel the permit given to the big operator and give the permit to the small operator?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The Government have divested themselves of this responsibility of fixing up the number of permits for any particular operator. But, as I said, five is the viable unit, and all those people who own more than five buses are considered to be operators who do not come under this category for preference.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : The suggestion is not to reduce the number of the viable unit to less than five. The mark system only puts the cart before the horse. A four-bus operator gets the permit for the fifth bus while a one-bus operator, even if he gets a permit after five years, cannot get the second bus. This is how the mark system works. That is why I suggest that the Government should revise their rules. Will the Government revise the rules in such a way as to give the one-bus operator the second bus before the four-bus operator gets the fifth bus?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is discussing policy questions, Sir.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : This is a matter to be taken up by the Transport Committee of which the hon. Member is a Member.

Allocation of personnel on the reorganization of States

* 305 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken in the matter of allocation of personnel in the several services in the State consequent on the reorganization of States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 183 by the hon. Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., given in this House on 24th September 1956.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Have there not been subsequent developments since that question was answered?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No revision of the principles laid down has taken place.